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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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September 19, 2001

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RE: State Certification of Rural High Cost Carriers  
CC Docket No. 96-45  
47 C.F.R. § 54.314

To the Filing Representatives:

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Texas PUC) hereby certifies that all federal high-cost funds provided to rural carriers in this state will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254 (e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act.

The list of common carriers certified by the Texas PUC pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting a State Certification Process (CC Docket No. 96-45, 00-256, FCC 01-157) are:

1. Alenco Communications, Inc. d/b/a ACI
2. Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.
3. Blossom Telephone Company, Inc.
4. Border to Border Communications, Inc.
5. Brazoria Telephone Company
6. Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.
7. Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
8. Cameron Telephone Company
9. Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



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10. Central Telephone Company of Texas d/b/a Sprint/Centel
11. Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
12. CenturyTel of Lake Dallas, Inc.
13. CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.
14. CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc.
15. CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc.
16. Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
17. Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
18. Comanche County Telephone Company, Inc.
19. Community Telephone Company, Inc.
20. Contel of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Verizon TXC
21. Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC)
22. Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (ILEC)
23. Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
24. Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
25. Electra Telephone Company
26. ENMR Telephone Cooperative
27. ETEX Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
28. ETS Telephone Company, Inc.
29. FEC Communications, L.L.P.
30. Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
31. Fort Bend Telephone Company
32. Ganado Telephone Company, Inc.
33. GTE Southwest, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Southwest
34. Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
35. Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
36. Industry Telephone Company, Inc.
37. Kerrville Telephone Company
38. La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.
39. Lake Livingston Telephone Company
40. Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
41. Lipan Telephone Company
42. Livingston Telephone Company
43. Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
44. Nortex Communications
45. Nortex Telecom, L.L.C.
46. North Texas Telephone Company, Inc.
47. Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
48. Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
49. Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
50. Rivera Telephone Company, Inc.
51. Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (ILEC)
52. Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (CLEC)
53. South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
54. Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
55. Southwest Texas Telephone Company
56. Sugar Land Telephone Company
57. Tatum Telephone Company

58. Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
59. Texas ALLTEL, Inc.
60. TXU Communications Telephone Company
61. United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. d/b/a Sprint/United
62. Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
63. Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP
64. W.T. Services, Inc. (wholly owned subsidiary of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.)
65. Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
66. West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.
67. West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
68. Western Wireless Corporation
69. XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
70. XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Inc.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tina Ghabel in our Policy Development Division, (512) 936-7257.

Respectfully submitted,

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